



WASHINGTON STATE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING COMMISSION

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Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission Will Honor Children with Celebration

The Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (WSCJTC) will hold its Chief For a Day celebration on Thursday, August 21, 2014.

In partnership with local law enforcement agencies and the communities of Washington State, Chief For a Day is about celebrating the lives of children who have been diagnosed with a life-threatening or chronic illness.

This year 34 law enforcement agencies will sponsor a child to participate in the event. Each law enforcement agency will provide their honorary "Chief" or "Sheriff" with a hand-tailored uniform and a gift basket which will include items for the child and their family such as toys, movie passes, gas cards, various gift cards, and much more. This year's Chiefs and Sheriffs range in age from 3 to 14 years old and will be sponsored by the following agencies:

1. Arlington PD
2. Bellingham PD
3. Black Diamond PD
4. Bonney Lake PD
5. Clallam County SO
6. Clark County SO
7. Des Moines PD
8. Ferndale PD
9. Fircrest PD
10. Forks PD
11. Hoquiam PD
12. Kelso PD
13. Kirkland PD
14. Lacey PD
15. Lake Forest Park PD
16. Mukilteo PD
17. Olympia PD
18. Port of Seattle PD

- 19. Puyallup PD
- 20. Redmond PD
- 21. Selah PD
- 22. Skagit County SO
- 23. Snohomish County SO
- 24. Snoqualmie PD
- 25. Stillaguamish PD
- 26. Sumner PD
- 27. Swinomish PD
- 28. Tacoma PD
- 29. Thurston County SO
- 30. Tulalip Tribal PD
- 31. University of Washington PD
- 32. Wapato PD
- 33. WSP
- 34. Yakima PD

The children and their families will be transported to the WSCJTC, in police cars, by police escort. The motorcade will be leaving ShoWare Center in Kent, WA, at 9:45 AM heading to the WSCJTC arriving in Burien around 10:15 AM. It will travel through Kent, Des Moines, Normandy Park, and unincorporated King County using a route to be issued soon.

The sponsored children will be sworn in as chiefs and sheriffs, have lunch with all attendees and academy recruits, and then participate in outside presentations provided by law enforcement agencies and criminal justice entities including K-9 units, bicycle patrols, SWAT, rifle units, and more.

Event times are as follows:

Motorcade Arrival: 10:15 AM
Swearing In Ceremony: 11:00 AM
Lunch: Noon
Outside Displays & Demos: 1:00-3:00 PM

This event is donation funded and listed in RCW 43.101. It is open to the public and we encourage children and families to attend.

If you would like more information about the event, please visit www.chiefforaday.com or contact Rachelle Parslow, Co-coordinator, at 206/835-7346 or rparslow@cjtc.state.wa.us.